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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED**  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated January 31, 2002, applicant is submitting herewith the required *Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.*

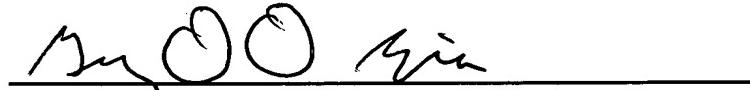
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Applicant submits herewith the required executed declaration and surcharge in the amount of \$130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that

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Respectfully submitted,

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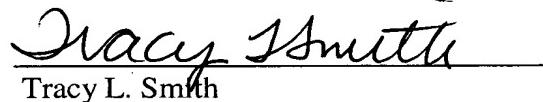
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